<u>Claims</u>

What is claimed is:

1	 A system of managing clusters of a computing
2	environment, said system comprising:
3	a registry component to provide global data
4	storage for data of a cluster of said computing
5	environment, said cluster including one or more nodes
6	of said computing environment;
7	a configuration component to maintain data locally
8	on at least one node of said one or more nodes, and to
9	store global data in said registry component;
10	a liveness component to provide status of one or
11	more communications paths of said cluster, said
12	liveness component being dependent upon said registry
L3	component and said configuration component;
L 4	a group services component to provide one or more
15	services to one or more other components of said
l 6	cluster, said group services component being dependent
L7	on said registry component, said configuration
L8	component and said liveness component; and
L 9	a resource management component to provide
20	communications to one or more resource controllers of

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said cluster, said resource management component being

22	dependent on said registry component, said
23	configuration component and said group services
24	component.

- The system of claim 1, wherein said registry component is dependent on said group services component for at least one type of operation.
 - 3. The system of claim 2, wherein said one type of operation is a write operation.

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1	4. A method of managing clusters of a computing
2	environment, said method comprising:
3	providing, via a registry component, global data
4	storage for data of a cluster of said computing
5	environment, said cluster including one or more nodes
6	of said computing environment;
7	maintaining, via a configuration component, data
8	locally on at least $\delta_{ m n}$ e node of said one or more nodes,
9	and storing global data in said registry component;
10	providing, via a liveness component, status of one
11	or more communications paths of said cluster, said
12	liveness component being dendent upon said registry
13	component and said configuration component;
14	providing, via a group services component, one or
15	more services to one or more other components of said
16	cluster, said group services component being dependent
17	on said registry component, said configuration
18	component and said liveness component; and
19	providing, via a resource management component,
20	communications to one or more resource controllers of
21	said cluster, said resource management component being
22	dependent on said registry component, said
23	configuration component and said group services
24	component.

5. At $1_{ m e}$ ast one program storage device readable by a
machine, tangibly embodying at least one program of
instructions executable by the machine to perform a method
of managing clusters of a computing environment, said method
comprising:
providing, via a registry component, global data
storage for data of a cluster of said computing
environment, said cluster including one or more nodes

of said computing environment;

maintaining, via a configuration component, data locally on at least one node of said one or more nodes, and storing global data in said registry component;

providing, via a liveness component, status of one or more communications paths of said cluster, said liveness component being dependent upon said registry component and said configuration component;

providing, via a group services component, one or more services to one or more other components of said cluster, said group services component being dependent on said registry component, said configuration component and said liveness component; and

providing, via a resource management component, communications to one or more resource controllers of said cluster, said resource management component being dependent on said registry component, said

configuration component and said group services component.

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